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## THE COUNCIL'S DECISION.

This afternoon the athletic council should decide finally whether or not the present graduate coaching system is to remain at Oregon next year. The decision will be final, and no amount of talk will undo it. Oregon—to a man—must back the verdict of the council.

While the Emerald has not been convinced that the athletic council has proceeded thus far without mistakes, it nevertheless recognizes that the athletic council has the power to make and unmake coaches at Oregon. And it now stands ready to back the decision to be made by the council this afternoon in every way it can. Let the council proceed to its duty this afternoon convinced that a united student body will stand behind its decision, ready to continue the fight for Oregon.

The Emerald makes but one recommendation to the athletic council: that Oregon students be assured that the question which has now arisen does not come up again for several years.

If the present coach is re-elected, assure the students that his position is secure for several years to come. If a new coach is elected, assure the students that his position is secure for several years to come. One-year contracts will not prove successful. Insure Oregon against another such question as has now arisen.

In making a final settlement on the question now before Oregon, the council can do one of two things: It can re-elect the present coach, or it can declare the position vacant, and make immediate steps to secure another. It will make a mistake if it merely postpones final action until more definite arrangements can be made with another coach. Oregon students expect this thing to be settled this afternoon. They will be disappointed if it is not.

The University of Oregon athletic council has ahead of it perhaps the hardest task of its career. Every student of Oregon, who has been here long enough to imbibe the real Oregon Spirit, will respect the decision of the athletic council.

## Communications

### RE: COACHING SITUATION.

To the Editor:  
I have noticed a good deal of talk in the papers about the attitude of the alumni being against the retention of Huntington as coach.

It seems to me that I am as closely in touch with the alumni in Portland and throughout the state as any one else, and I am frank to say that I have heard practically no discussion until this matter began being discussed through the papers.

The alumni were not satisfied, of course, with the showing of the team this past season. They felt that the team lacked the dash and the fight which they should have, and the only criticism I have ever heard of "Shy's" work was that he is not aggressive enough, but everyone seemed to be of the opinion that his work during the past three years, entitled him, without any discussion, to another year's contract.

No school can win every year and most of us have felt that Oregon was winning her share of victories. We have been happy that Oregon has not been inclined to make a change in her coaching staff as has been the case of some other schools on the coast, every time they lose a game or two. Our success has been due to the permanence of our coaching system.

We have one thing in Oregon which few schools have and that is the absolute loyalty of Bill Hayward and "Shy" Huntington. It is a big thing to any school and it is something you cannot buy for money.

Now I notice they are considering a certain Mr. Price, freshman coach at California, for the Oregon job. I cannot see the idea of taking the freshman coach of a school, whose head coach is no better than our own. It has taken Andy Smith five years to develop a winning team out of 10,000 students, and we have done it two years out of three un-

der our present system, with about one-fourth that many students.

The athletic council wants to fight the "Big Three" idea, and still they seem to be scared of that idea themselves, and figure to beat the proposition with a freshman coach of one of that trio.

How many football games have we lost to Washington since Dobie left and how many have we lost to California since they returned to the American game? It is funny, isn't it, that we have been beating the "Big Three" and the real tough competition we have had has been from O. A. C., W. S. C. and even Idaho.

I think it is time for Oregon to quit quibbling about little things. Take on any school, under any conditions, do the best we can and put sportsmanship above mere winning. We may be right about insisting on a three game schedule, but it looks like "crawfishing," and it has not helped us in-so-far as public opinion is concerned. I think it is time we played the game a little differently, and take things as they come instead of following the example of certain other schools, continually looking for particular advantages to ourselves.

And when we find a coach, who has delivered the goods, and been successful, from the standpoint of pure sportsmanship, we shall give him the opportunity to which he is entitled. Oregon cannot afford to pay Dobie \$8500 per year, and he would not be worth that much to us, if we could. The return of Bezdek would be more welcome because he combines coaching ability with some real character. Furthermore, if we get Dobie I am positive we will lose Bill Hayward, and Bill to Oregon, is worth more than Dobie could possibly be worth.

The alumni generally are satisfied. We do not expect to win every game every year. All we want is a fair percentage and a feeling that the students are big enough to forget petty jealousies and stand back of our coaches no matter who

## Announcements

**Bible Group.**—The bible discussion group sponsored by the Oregon girls club meets every Wednesday at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow between 12:30 and 1 o'clock to discuss "Christian Fundamentals," the subject which all the different girls organizations talk about every week under the direction of leaders. All towns girls are invited to attend these meetings. Dean Elizabeth Fox is the leader.

**Eutaxian Society.**—Important meeting Tuesday, February 1 at the Y. M. C. A. but at 7:00 o'clock. Officers for the new term will be elected, and all members are urged to be present.

**Illustrated Lecture.**—Professor Eldon Griffin will give a special illustrated lecture on Japan especially for students in the Pacific Orient course today at 3:15 in room 4, Johnson hall. This does not take the place of the regular lecture. Visitors are welcome.

**Y. M. C. A. Classes.**—Ralph Spearow's class in "Life Problems" at 11:00 o'clock each Tuesday. "Christian Fundamentals," lecture and discussion class, Hal Donnelly leader, Tuesday at 5:00 o'clock. Boys' Work, Hal Donnelly, leader, 8:15 Tuesday. Lecture by Dr. George Rebec, of Portland, on some phase of philosophy and religion Wednesday evening at 8:15.

**Y. W. C. A.**—The regular Y. W. C. A. meeting will be held today in the bungalow at 5 o'clock instead of Thursday. There will be out of town speakers.

**European Trip.**—There will be a meeting of all those interested in the European trip, in Dean Straub's office Thursday at 7:15.

they are. That has always been the Oregon spirit and it must continue.

Yours very truly,  
V. T. MOTSCHENBOCHER,  
President Student Body, 1914.

### GUILD PLAYS ARE CRITICIZED.

To the Editor:  
The Company, composed of the majors in the school of dramatic art, has just completed its latest "run." The play, "The two Gentlemen of Verona," was presented three times to a half filled house. It seems a shame that student theatricals fail even to fill a theater with the slender seating capacity of Guild hall.

At the same time, the reason for this is explained, and lies in the character of the plays which are presented.

No one can possibly expect an audience to expose itself, production after production, to English comedies of questionable humor, foreign plays without a "point" and Shakespearian pieces that were written to be read—not played.

"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" is not considered among Shakespeare's superior works. If the Company must pick on Shakespeare, why not take some of his better works?

The reply may come that in such plays is found an opportunity for training actors. But can not an actor be trained in a live, up to date, modern, play with real humor, or a good drama by an author whose work has more of the popular stamp?

The work of the Company and the dramatic department deserves nothing short of the highest praise, but it is a shame to hamper the student actors with vehicles which are shunned by professionals on the legitimate stage. It is too bad that plays cannot be put on which would appeal somewhat to the taste of the audience. Nor should this extend to the lowering of the dramatic standard of the University. There are, in the wealth of the theatrical and literary world, surely enough high class vehicles to allow even the Company, fastidious as it may be, to put on productions which would enable its actors to try their abilities upon a full house.

Only when the dramatics of the University are made to appeal to the audience, as well as the likes of the producers, will that department gain the recognition and support which it obviously needs and so justly deserves.

### A GALLERY GOD.

### THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

There is a body, consisting of nine members, duly organized and formed with the special purpose of considering and directing the athletic policy of the University of Oregon. The name of this group is, "The Athletic Council," of the University of Oregon.

When this council meets, all nine of its members gather with but one purpose, and that purpose is the betterment of Oregon. They entirely disregard their personal feelings and petty prejudices, and attempt to maintain Oregon's athletic prowess by honestly and unbiassedly considering whatever questions may arise.

This committee has been in active control of Oregon's athletic policy for several years just past, and although its judgment may not have proven infallible, still no question has ever arisen as to its sincerity or the honesty and goodness of its motives.

The question properly arising, the

Athletic Council considered the advisability of discontinuing the present graduate system of football coaching at the University, and immediately pandemonium broke loose.

Hasty and ill-considered alliances were formed, and sides taken, and the more active belligerents began to attack and to entrench. Nor was this confined to the students upon the University of Oregon campus, but was taken up, carried and fostered by some of the Eugene down-town business men.

Whether these local townsmen were misled by an overzealous desire to assist the University, or were merely taking the part of busy-bodies, or even had a personal iron in the fire, it is probably impossible to state, but they were, most certainly, entirely misguided and misinformed, both as to the question at issue, and as to their own relation to the controversy.

Football at the University of Oregon, as at all of America's large universities, is not only self supporting, but is the money maker which practically carries all the other forms of college athletics on its financial shoulders. It is not supported in the least by the subscriptions, or even the taxes of the local citizen, and its policies should therefore be of no practical concern to such citizen.

The student body of the University realize that its Athletic Council rightly should and does control the athletic policy of Oregon, and are ready and willing to stand behind that body in its final decision. This student body has a direct personal interest in the final determination of the athletic council, which no down-town business man can possibly have. Therefore, why should any pool-hall keeper or other business man, insist upon meddling in affairs which not only do not concern him in the least, but which are so strongly none of his business that he has been impliedly asked by the University, through the constitution and policy of its student body, to allow such a decision to be made by the Athletic Council.

The most that can be said for such a man or men, who will meddle with that in which they are in no way concerned, and in which they insist they have no personal interest, is that they are busy-bodies of the worst calibre, and if a man should have such a personal interest, which it is almost possible to suspect, is it not a lack of sportsmanship and of decency which would prompt him to attempt to force his preferences upon the Athletic Council and the Oregon student body? Most certainly it is none of his business, and if he should adopt such a policy of "hands off," in the present matter, athletics at Oregon could only be benefited.

The only proper and possible policy for

all to adopt, and follow, is plainly shown by a mere summing up of the question at hand:

1. I am loyal to the University of Oregon first, last and always.
2. I have helped, directly or indirectly, to create the Athletic Council of the University, and I believe in the wisdom of that body, and wish to abide by its decision.
3. I will allow no one person, or group of persons, to bring pressure to bear upon the Athletic Council, so as to hinder them, in a ready and proper solution of their problem.

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A STUDENT.

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